Civil Service Commission Minutes

Cincinnati, Ohio

February 23, 2012

The Civil Service Commission met in regular session in Room 307, Council Chambers, on Thursday, February 23, 2012. Commissioners in attendance were Mr. James Robinson, Chairman, Ms. Deborah Gaines and Mr. Robert Braddock. Commission staff present included, Ms. Ursula McDonnell, Interim Civil Service Secretary; Ms. Arnell Jackson, Assistant Civil Service Secretary and Ms. Ornita Brown, Recording Secretary.

Since minutes from the February 9, 2012 meeting had been circulated among the members, a motion to dispense with a reading of the minutes was passed and the minutes were approved.

ELIGIBLE LISTS

Paramedic Training Officer – promotional

SPECIAL EXAMINERS

- Robert Kuhn for the Fire District Chief exam
- Greg Howard for the Sewer Maintenance Crew Leader exam
- Billy Breig and Mike Schmidt for the Water Works Dispatcher exam

HEARINGS

At the request of the Union, a continuance has been granted for Steve Byrne concerning his suspension from the Water Works Department.

The Civil Service Commission has scheduled a hearing for Jasmine Wright for March 29, 2012 at 9:00 a.m. concerning her dismissal from the Water Works Department.

METROPOLITAN SEWER DISTRICT

Request from the Metropolitan Sewer District for the exceptional appointment of Michele Ralston as a Senior Administrative Specialist (Strategic Communications)

The staff recommended approval of the request. After review and discussion, the Commission approved the request. The decision was based on the fact that Ms. Ralston is qualified and the Commission previously approved this title for exceptional appointment.

WATER WORKS

Request from the Water Works Department for the exceptional appointment of Jonathan Peters as an Assistant Treatment Superintendent

The staff recommended approval of the request. After review and discussion, the Commission approved the request. The decision was based on the fact that Mr. Peters is qualified and the Commission previously approved this title for exceptional appointment.

HEALTH

Request from the Health Department for the exceptional appointment of Caitlin Cardina as a Dentist

The staff recommended approval of the request. After review and discussion, the Commission approved the request. The decision was based on the fact that Ms. Cardina is qualified and the Commission previously approved this title for exceptional appointment.

PARKS

Request from the Parks Department for the transfer of Tashae Watkins from the Police Department as a Clerk Typist 2

The staff recommended approval of the request. After review and discussion, the Commission approved the request. The decision was based on the fact that all parties are agreeable to the transfer.

PUBLIC SERVICES

Request from the Public Services Department for the exceptional appointment of Charles Mason and Bradley Dorrman as Cement Finishers

The staff recommended approval of the request. After review and discussion, the Commission approved the request. The decision was based on the fact that they are qualified and the Commission previously approved this title for exceptional appointment.

RETIREMENT

Request from the Retirement Department for the transfer of Terry Bock from the Metropolitan Sewer District as an Administrative Technician

The staff recommended approval of the request. After review and discussion, the Commission approved the request. The decision was based on the fact that all parties are agreeable to the transfer.

TRANSPORTATION AND ENGINEERING

Request from the Department of Transportation and Engineering for the promotion without exam of Joseph Hinzman from a Supervising Engineer to a Principal Engineer

The staff recommended approval of the request. After review and discussion, the Commission approved the request. The decision was based on the fact that Mr. Hinzman is the only qualified and eligible employee in the employing unit.

Request from the Department of Transportation and Engineering for the promotion without exam of Anthony Bennett from a Civil Engineering Technician 3 to a Senior Engineering Technician

The staff recommended approval of the request. After review and discussion, the Commission approved the request. The decision was based on the fact that Mr. Bennett was chosen from the three qualified and eligible employees in the employing unit.

AGENDA ITEMS

Request from Rhiannon Burkhart to appeal her disqualification from the Assistant Operator and Dispatcher selection process

The staff recommended denial of the request. After review and discussion, the Commission denied the request. The decision was based on the information provided at the meeting and Ms. Burkhart was eliminated based on the approved criteria and her own admissions and/or omissions.

Request from Kirsten Day to appeal her rejection from the Environmental Safety Specialist exceptional appointment process

The staff recommended denial of the request. After review and discussion, the Commission denied the request. The decision was based on the fact that Ms. Day does not meet the minimum qualifications.

Request from the Parks Department to add a Florist and a Parks/Recreation Maintenance Crew Leader to their table of organization

The staff recommended approval of the request. After review and discussion, the Commission approved the request. The decision was based on the fact that the duties and responsibilities are consistent with the proposed titles.

Request from Enterprise Technology Solutions to add a Senior Administrative Specialist position to their table of organization

The staff recommended approval of the request. After review and discussion, the Commission approved the request. The decision was based on the fact that the duties and responsibilities are consistent with the proposed title.

Request from the Police Department to add an Administrative Technician position to their table of organization

The staff recommended approval of the request. After review and discussion, the Commission approved the request. The decision was based on the fact that the duties and responsibilities are consistent with the proposed title and the deletion of a Supervising Clerk.

Request for approval of new and/or revised classification specifications:

Level 1 Building Engineer (Board of Education) – open

INFORMATION ITEM

Letter from Judy Ashton concerning her disqualification from the Assistant Operator and Dispatcher selection process.

Information Item from January 26, 2012

Request from the Parks Department to use the exceptional appointment process to fill six Florist positions. This item will be held for 45 days for comments or concerns.

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Appeals to be scheduled:

Joseph Lee
Alfred Brewster
Veno Mitchell
David Johnson
Anthony Harper
James Roper
Lester McEwen
Alice Folson
Granada Williams
Curtis Boykins
Steve Byrne